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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, ISAS

SUBJECT: Quarterly Report to the ICRC on Unauthorized Disclosures

1. In spite of numerous leaks of classified information in the press, the Agency has been reporting "no unauthorized disclosures" to the ICRC each quarter. According to [] Chief of the Special Security Center/OS, the reason is that the disclosure and related investigations involve compartmented information and are thus not releasable. [] submits the results of his investigations to the USIB Security Committee which handles the matter from there; but, these findings are never submitted to the ICRC from USIB or from elsewhere in the Agency. Since we ask Mr. Blake to sign these ICRC reports, I suggest we reconsider our negative responses and look at the options for more open reporting.

(A.) Let the matter stand. Perhaps the ICRC knows we are not reporting to them any disclosure of compartmented information, but I can find no correspondence informing them of this. By continuing our present practice we risk censure by the ICRC and ultimately by the Congress (Sen. Muskie's Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations), which is the ultimate recipient of the reports.

B. We could submit an affirmative report explaining that the details of the disclosure cannot be given to the ICRC because of compartmentation restrictions. This attitude would, I think, only arouse hostility from the ICRC and the Congress.

C. Another solution would be to sterilize the disclosure's investigatory findings so that they could be included in the report. This course would show CIA's good faith in complying with the NSC Directive.

2. I spoke with [] about this matter and he agreed that the Agency does risk certain censure by our seeming non-compliance. Politically, option C appears to be the most sound. Please let me know what you think and, if you agree, I'll prepare a memorandum for the Special Security Center.

Research reqd.

